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Title: IMPROVED PROCESS FOR ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION

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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND
INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 5, 2002, in which the Office finally rejected claims 20 through 39 of the above-captioned patent application.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a Petition to extend the period for replying to the final rejection for three months, to and including June 5, 2003.

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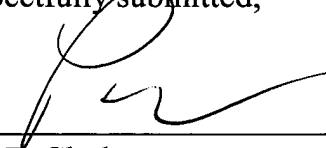
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Respectfully submitted,

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